

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Brown for the indication that all of the claims in this application would be allowable if Claims 1 and 2 are amended to address minor wording issues. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended without narrowing the claim scope to adopt the helpful suggestions set forth at the top of page three of the Official Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

Submitted with this Amendment is a replacement version of Fig. 3 in which the wording "Front of the vehicle" has been changed to --Inside of the seat width direction-- consistent with the notation in Fig. 5. Approval of the drawing change and withdrawal of the drawing objection are respectfully requested.

As a final matter, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 3, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information contained in that Information Disclosure Statement and to return a signed and initialed copy of form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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